

Seekonk Veterans' Council			
10.19.2021		7:00pm	Senior Center Cafe
Meeting called by	Kevin Kugel		
Type of meeting	Seekonk Veterans' Council Meeting, Audio #026		
Chairman	Kevin Kugel		
Audio/Transcriber	James LaFlame		
Attendees	Committee Members: Kevin Kugel (Chair) William Curtis (Vice Chair), Moises Moniz, Adam Tumlinson & LaNon Neary Other: James LaFlame (VSO), Joseph Raez & Adam Petronio Absent: David Reis (w/o cause) Russ Pion (excused)		
Meeting Minutes			
Discussion	Meeting minutes for October 5th were approved.		
Action Items	Minutes to be sent to Town Clerk and posted on the town website		
Deadline	ASAP		
Agenda Topic			
	VSO/Chair Updates		

VSO Update	
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Jim has not received the new proof for the KIA banners from Fast Signs yet.2. Karen was previously told we had funding for the project, but wanted to alter the signage to include the date KIA.3. Jim will forward to council members once it is received.4. The fall leaf clean-up for veterans has a minimal number of veterans signed up (less than 10).5. Seekonk High School Vice Principal Matt Bosh is the POC at SHS for the student volunteers that will doing the work.6. Matt believes that a lower number of participants in the programs first year will be beneficial, as it would be with any new program.7. Jim suggested to him that Channel 9 could do a story on the site at one of the houses to help promote the program for next year.8. Mark Drapeau was onsite at the memorial park to clean up and repaint stones that needed work.9. Joe volunteered his time on Friday and hand painted the large paver with the star in the middle of the memorial.10. Jim passed along Mark's praise of Joe's effort, saying he did a tremendous job. The council let Mark know in the previous meeting that they were willing to assist Mark in whatever way possible, so this was a great example of that assistance.

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	Chair Update		
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kevin informed the council that he attended the initial iteration of the Seekonk Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy. 2. The activities of the first week included a tour of the police station, a lecture from Chief Isabella on the history of policing and a simulation of deploying on an emergency call. 3. All other updates from the Chair to be covered under old business. 		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
1. Provide Council Members with proofs from Fast Signs		James	Upon Receiving

Agenda Topic		
	Holiday Festival	
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bill let us know the trees had been ordered (35 trees).2. Jim procured a vendor number for the tree supplier, so the town will be able to cut him a check when payment is due.3. DPW confirmed they will install the rebar. Jim is to put Russ and Scott Olobri in contact with other to facilitate the drop off of rebar at DPW.4. Kevin will get heavy duty zip ties for securing the trees to the rebar.5. A map of the numbered trees will be given to sponsors, the numbers will be on the poly signs and toe tags.6. Kevin will design a single sign to promote the council and give POC information for future tree events. He suggested a solar light to illuminate the sign.7. Bill secured a \$100 donation from Phoenix Corporation.8. Jim will check with Bruce Alexander to see if there is a town 501(3)(c) account that can be used for donation purposes (when required by businesses).9. Talk of lighting the trees ensued, Bill stated that although LED lights have very little draw, they are more expensive. We will also need extension cords.10. Adam T. suggested just running a projection light for each row of trees.11. LaNon suggested a 400 foot string of lights that had 1000 lights on each string, with a timer and eight different modes.12. Bill suggested lights with timers that ran on AA batteries.13. Kevin suggested just running 4 projection lights in each corner of the tree display for the first year of the event.	
Holiday Festival continued ↓		

<p>Discussion</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">14. The council discussed a tear down date after the Holiday Festival. It was decided the first weekend after New Year's would be best – Saturday, January 8th.15. Adam P. stated that when DPW picks up the resident's tree, they are brought to the dump in back of the American Legion.16. Mo knows of a farm that has people drop off trees to feed to sheep, so that would be a better option. It was mentioned how Russ knew of a place with goats during the previous meeting.17. A date of November 20th was set for checks due for sponsorship.18. Jim will collect the checks, payable to the Town of Seekonk. There will be three options for getting checks to him; mail, drop them off in person at the Senior Center, or utilize the after- hours drop box at the side entrance to the Senior Center.
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Agenda Topic			
	Veterans' Day Ceremony and Rolling Parade		
Discussion	<div><div>1. Congressman Auchincloss and Senator Feeney are the sole invited participants in which we have not received a solid confirmation.</div><div>2. The 215th Army Band is not available, so Jim has reached out to John Smialek to get the SHS brass ensemble.</div><div>3. Kevin received confirmation from the Troop 1 Boy Scouts regarding color guard and escort duty. They will bring their own flags.</div><div>4. Kevin passed out copies of the parade route. Jim will get it to Chief Isabella and request an officer to be at our next meeting.</div><div>5. Parade will meet up at 9am, but leave no earlier than 9:30, hoping to be at the memorial park at 10:30.</div><div>6. Jim was contacted by Bill George from the Seekonk Fire Museum. Seekonk Veteran Paul MacPherson wishes to drive an antique fire truck. Kevin suggested having the council ride on the fire truck at the end to marshal the parade.</div><div>7. Joe volunteered to be with Jim at the memorial to help with the ceremony setup and to ensure parking spaces are saved for parade participants.</div></div>		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
<div><div>1. Request traffic cones from DPW</div><div>2. Secure music for the ceremony</div></div>		<div><div>1. Jim</div><div>2. Jim</div></div>	ASAP
Topic	Adjournment		
Motion made by Mo to adjourn, seconded by Adam and voted unanimously			